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Duties of Paiks.

* 553 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any record is maintained of the Paiks rendering escort duty or of guarding camps and carrying tapals and messages;

(*b*) how many Paiks are employed on such duty during a year;

(*c*) the earliest period from which Samastanam Paiks are employed on escort duty and in carrying tapals under officers of various departments;

(*d*) whether any Paiks are deputed to escort Deputy Inspectors of Schools who visit schools almost in every village of the division or to carry their tapals;

(*e*) whether there are Samastanam Paiks, Naiks and Sardars in all the Agency tracts of the Ganjam district;

(*f*) whether officers of the several departments require any escorts in Agency tracts where there are no Samastanam Paiks;

(*g*) whether Samastanam Paiks escort postal runners in the Ghumsur division or in the Agency tracts;

(*h*) whether it is the practice for village servants to carry urgent tapals from their own village to the next village and the village servants of that village to the next and so on until the tapals reach their destination and to escort public officers in the same manner from village to village whenever and wherever escort is necessary;

(*i*) whether any Paiks service inams in the Pandakhol Agency were resumed;

(*j*) if so, how the officers are escorted in the Pandakhol Agency;

(*k*) whether the Samastanam Paiks or their substitutes render any personal service to the Tahsildar and his staff at the Taluk stations in the Ghumsur division;

(*l*) whether it is a fact that Sardars, Naiks and Paiks are paid daily batta when on service; and

(*m*) the amount of batta so paid per day and what the annual expenditure incurred on that account is?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*h*) *&* (*j*) *to* (*m*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 552. The Government have no other information.

(*i*) The 'Paik' service inams in the Pondakhole Mutta, Surada taluk, Ganjam district, except those situated in the villages of Soroponko and Jatrama, were resumed and fully assessed.

Duties of Samastanam Paiks, Naiks and Sardars.

* 554 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that formerly Samastanam Paiks, Naiks and Sardars of Ghumsur division were deputed to serve as guards at salt factories during the manufacturing season;

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(b) for how many years they were so employed and when such deputation was terminated and why;

(c) whether Samastanam Paiks, Naiks and Sardars are employed as treasury guards in the Ghumsur division in addition to or in lieu of the ordinary police; and

(d) whether there is any necessity for placing additional guards at Government treasuries in the Ghumsur division?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 552. The Government have no other information.

Resumption of service inams held by the Sardars, Naiks and Paiks of the Ghumsur division.

* 555 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Inam Commissioner in 1862 or thereabouts ordered the resumption of service inams held by the Sardars, Naiks and Paiks of Ghumsur division as well as the doratanams of the Parlakimedi taluk, but that by G.O. No. 1110, dated 13th July 1867, Government directed that they should be left untouched and that by G.O. No. 1425, Revenue, dated 22nd July 1927, the doratanam inams in Parlakimedi taluk were ordered to be resumed and fully assessed?

A.—In G.O. No. 1110, dated 13th July 1867, the Government ordered that no change should then be made in the condition of the Paiks. At the same time the Government stated that they would give their deliberate consideration to this question later. In G.O. No. 1425, Revenue, dated 22nd July 1927, the Government directed that the doratanam inams in the Parlakimedi estate should be resumed and fully assessed.

Procedure in regard to the levy of 'Theerva Jasthi' and 'Pasal Jasthi'.

* 556 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what is the procedure now adopted in order to let the villagers know of the levy of the excess water-cess by way of 'Theervai Jasthi' and 'Pasal Jasthi'?

A.—When a patta is delivered to a ryot at jamabandi it contains particulars of these charges. In cases where it is proposed to levy enhanced water cess for the irregular use of Government water, intimation of the proposal is given to the ryots, a reasonable interval being allowed for the submission of objections. It is left to the Collectors, subject to the control of the Board of Revenue, to decide whether this intimation should take the form of an individual notice to each ryot or a collective notice posted up from time to time in the village chavadi or other public place.